Foreign investment proposals

39. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign investment proposals for establishment of industries in India which have since been received; and

(b) how much investment from foreign countries has been earmarked for Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Details of foreign investment proposals accorded approval during the Post-Policy period i.e. 01.08.1991 to 31.10.94 are as below:—

(Rs. Crores)

Foreign Investment proposals approved	Amount of foreign investment involved
2,544	23906.44

Foreign investment amounting to Rs. 496.77 crores is envisaged in the Projects proposed and approved for Punjab between 01-01-1993 and 31-10-1994.

State-wise foreign investment data prior to 1993 has not been maintained centrally.

Indian standards on launch vehicle technology

*40 SHRI RAM RATAN RAM:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of India's capability in the launch vehicle technology as compared to the other countries in the world;

(b) what is India's position in this regard; and

(c) what is being done to develop this capability further?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPTT. OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) With the successful launch of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-D2 (PSLV-D2) injecting Indian Remote Sensing (IRS-P2) satellite into the desired orbit, India has demonstrated its capability to launch operational class satellites using our own launch vehicles from our own soil. PSLV-D2 has demonstrated India's capability in solid technology, earth storable liquid technology and use of other complex systems like control guidance. With the development and operationalisation of the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) before the end of the century, India will be able to launch all its remote sensing and geo-stationary satellites. Such capability is available only with USA Russia, Japan, China and European Space Agency.

Theft of atomic minerals

252. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are reports from the Atomic Minerals Division of theft of uranium Prospecting or in the West Khasi Hills in recent months and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) the quantity of uranium reported to have been stolen during the last three years from various uranium facilities of Department of Atomic Energy; and

(c) what steps have been taken to check the theft and smuggling of atomic material?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) On the 12th October, 1994 it was learnt from the SIB (Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau) Shillong, that 4 persons were caught with 2.5 Kgs. of suspected radioactive material. On an analysis of a sample of the material, it was found to be sodium-di-Uranate, also known as yellow cake, similar to what is being produced at the pilot recovery plant established at Domiasiat by the Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy. A case under the Atomic Energy Act has been registered and investigations have been taken up by the Meghalaya police authorities.

(b) No thefts of uranium have been reported in the past from any of the Uranium facilities of the Department of Atomic Energy.

(c) Security arrangements have been stepped up following the report of this incidents.

Proposed additional nuclear projects at Tarapur

253. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the execution of two additional upgraded nuclear power projects of 500 m.w. each at Tarapur has virtually been stalled for the past two years merely for lack of central funds;

(b) whether it is also fact that sophisticated equipments like calandrias, reactor headers, pressurised and primary head transport pumps, worth crores of rupees, had been lying idle at the project site and the Nuclear Power Corporation (NPC) spending scarce funds to preserve them;

(c) what is the total amount so far spent by Government for these two units;

(d) whether Government are considering private participation to complete these projects; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that the developed countries like USA etc. do not allow any private participation in such type of projects, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The Tarapur Atomic Power Project (TAPP) 3 & 4 (2x500 MWe.) units was approved and the project financial sanction issued in January 1991. The construction permit was also given by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board for commencing civil works. Commencement of the main plant civil works will be considered in the context of availability of funds.

(b) & (c) Advance action for acquisition of certain critical and long delivery items has already been taken. The tatol expenditure incurred on the project including the cost of the equipment is Rs. 640 crores. The equipment received at Site has been kept in safe condition.

(d) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government for private equity participation to set up this project.